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A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year.
By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

A DREAM?
A pleasant dream in days of yore
Sometimes comes back in days of doubt—
I thought the Sun was Heaven's door,
The Light God's glory streaming out,
And Stars the windows thro' which He
By night kept vigil over me.

"A childish dream indeed?" say you.
Who knows? Perhaps it may be true!
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Four Cleveland newspapers have been forced to raise their price because of the increased cost of paper. But who cares for a penny when prosperity is our guest?

There's nothing like taking time by the forelock, but aren't those Boston managers who are already mapping out a world series of their own just a trifle premature?

Washington bartenders are now serving a "Hughes Cocktail." Perhaps this is in response to the complaint that Mr. Hughes is not putting enough "punch" into the campaign.

Vice President Marshall is to be notified of his nomination next Thursday. He probably also will be told about the nominations of Messrs. Wilson, Hughes and Fairbanks, if somebody hasn't already let out the news.

And now a hypercritical paragrapher likens Mr. Gary's hospitable reception at Tokyo to a similar demonstration made over the visit of Gen. Kuropatkin immediately previous to the Russo-Japanese war. Suspicion is an unkindly thing.

Experts at the War Department estimate that it is costing Uncle Sam about \$15,000,000 a month to protect the border, and that this expense has been running ever since the Columbus raid. These figures are sufficient to show what peace at any price costs.

The Topeka Capital seems to have the true notion of what a definition should set forth. "An independent candidate for office is one who cannot get on the ticket in any other way," it observes oracularly. No fear of contradiction this time, brother.

Henry S. Baker is to continue to serve as a member of the Excise Board despite the strong opposition of the prohibition forces. Mr. Baker has creditably filled the position as exciseman and the opposition to him is largely due to the fact that he is not a prohibitionist.

The War Department does not seem to take the report of the resurrection of Pancho Villa at all seriously. Its action in moving the militia units back from the border must mean that it is an unbeliever in the miraculous proposition that the bandit chief is himself again.

As soon as Congress assembles in December the bill providing for an inquiry into the cost of living for wage earners in the District is to be passed. By December the wage earners may have voted to strike and tie up the National Capital unless Congress passes a bill granting them an increase in wages.

Congress has used the District exceptionally well. It has been generous in its appropriations, liberal with improvements and has not thrust an untold and unpopular change in taxation upon the citizens against their wishes. The 50-50 plan remains for another year and undoubtedly will be the source of discussion during the next session.

The refusal of Dr. Aked's San Francisco congregation to reinstate him at a salary considerably lower than he was paid before he sailed away with Henry Ford to stop "that nonsense" in Europe is a sad commentary upon the lasting effect of his pulpit and press propaganda in the interest of a mighty good cause. Unfortunately, the doctor is not a manufacturer of automobiles or engaged in any other industry in which publicity has an appreciable value.

Chairman McCormick, in speaking of the opposition to the Wilson-Adamson eight-hour railroad law, says: "Mr. Hughes dares not make a real issue of it. He does not say what he would have done in the President's place. And it is well to remember that the eight-hour day was included in the Republican platforms of 1908 and 1912." It is of no consequence that Mr. McCormick has not yet been informed that Mr. Hughes has made a real issue of the law. It also matters little that Mr. McCormick has not heard what Mr. Hughes said he would have done if he had been in the President's place. But somebody should inform Mr. McCormick without delay that the railroad law is not as much an eight-hour law as it is a law increasing wages.

Maine to Cast Her Vote.
All interested in matters political will have an eye and an ear turned towards Maine tomorrow. The Pine Tree State voters are the first to march to the polls for the election of United States Senators, members of Congress and State officials. That in itself would not be notable, for Maine is a small State numerically, but the leaders of both great parties have chosen this battle ground for what they consider the first skirmish of the 1916 national campaign, and the result will be heralded from one end of the country to what is coming in the big election in November.

Political leaders attach the greatest importance to the choice of those who will serve at the Capitol. Mr. Hughes has given a generous portion of his campaign tour to speeches in that territory and the administration has sent its Cabinet officers and ablest orators to enlighten the voters on Democratic doctrine. There is little evidence that the people who will decide the issue attach as much importance to the election as the national politicians.

Maine has its own pet issue and that issue nearly always has been paramount in the Pine Tree State elections for the last twenty years. It is whether prohibition shall prohibit or whether it shall mean an elastic enforcement of virtual license.

Carl E. Milliken, Republican candidate for governor, is a genuine prohibitionist. He has talked the doctrine from the pulpit of churches in every part of the State. Gov. Oakley C. Curtis, his Democratic opponent, has permitted the widest latitude in the enforcement of the prohibitory amendment. Less than a fortnight ago when Bangor was visited by a street car strike, the mayor ordered the saloons closed, a rather unique action in a prohibition State. Portland has nearly 100 open saloons and more drug stores where liquor is dispensed at wholesale than any city of its size in the entire country. Lewiston has over 200 saloons. Bath has its saloons and speak-easies. Other cities of smaller size permit blind tigers and bootleggers to operate.

The Democratic party in Maine generally is considered the party of the "wets." The Republican party is considered the exponent of the "dry" forces. It is a significant fact that every time the State passes into the Republican column, the large cities generally roll up a handsome majority for the Democratic candidates. Therefore it is to be inferred that the large cities favor a liberal interpretation of the prohibitory amendment and seem satisfied that they will get it only with a Democratic executive at Augusta.

The trend of things political in Maine this year indicates a return to power of the Republicans. Until last March the Democrats controlled a majority of the twenty large cities in the State. At present they have only four, Lewiston, Rockland, Bath and Biddeford. The Republicans are in the saddle in Auburn, Portland, South Portland, Augusta, the State capital; Hallowell, Gardiner, Westbrook, Bangor, Brewer, Oldtown, Belfast and Ellsworth. Some of these cities were captured by very slender majorities, but they were captured and their capture points to what the disintegration of the Progressive vote may accomplish tomorrow.

In the election tomorrow Senator Johnson will be opposed by Fred Hale, Republican, for the United States Senate full term. Former Gov. Bert M. Fernald is the Republican candidate for the short term in the United States Senate against Kenneth C. M. Sills, professor at Bowdoin College and a Wilson Democrat.

In all the campaigning that has been done by the foremost orators of the leading parties, local issues have been hidden away in the background and national issues have been made most prominent. The Democrats have contended that the re-election of Johnson and the election of Sills and the other Democratic candidates will constitute an endorsement of President Wilson's policies. Mr. Hughes and the Republican spellbinders have used the eight-hour law and the general legislation of the Democratic Congress as targets for their shafts with sectionalism given a prominent place in the attack.

Reverting back to the political archives, precedents are supposed to show that Maine must be carried in September by the Republicans with 20,000 majority or victory will not perch on their standard in November. But there have been notable exceptions to this rule.

In 1876 the Republican majority fell below this figure in the State election, but the Presidential candidate won the electoral votes two months later. Of more recent date the election of President Taft in 1908, when the majority in Maine was considerable under 5,000. Then, as now, prohibition was the paramount issue.

As the time approaches for a decision, the writers who have been following developments generally agree that when the votes are counted it will be found that local issues were what the majority of voters had in mind when they entered the booths to exercise their supreme right of citizenship.

More than a month ago The Washington Herald predicted that the results in Maine will not serve as a true indication of how the country is thinking. There has been no good reason to revise that opinion as the campaign has ripened and now nears conclusion. And it is as certain as the rising of the sun that when the count is tabulated, the leaders of one of the two great political parties will contend that our prediction was correct.

A voter with a long memory has recently called to mind an unfulfilled pledge made by the Democrats in the last Presidential campaign that a Democratic administration would reduce the high cost of living. Isn't it about time the G. O. P. campaign managers availed themselves of that opportunity? As vote getters, "too proud to fight" and "watchful waiting" are not in the same class with it.

Three cheers and a rebel yell for Sir Ernest Shackleton—Richmond Virginian. That certainly is going the limit, but it isn't a bit too strong under the circumstances.

The Colonel (Roosevelt) can even point to the panic of 1907 as the finest thing in that line ever pulled off.—Rochester Herald.

Von Hindenburg has been suspiciously quiet of late. The Russians had better watch out.—Charleston News and Courier.

The world war is now being resumed just where it started, in the everlasting cockpit, the Balkans.—Providence Journal.

The Source of Life Abundant.
By ORISON SWETT MARDEN.
There is surely something wrong when multitudes of the sons and daughters of the King of Kings who have inherited all the good things of the universe starve on the very shores of the stream of plenty, of opulence unspeakable, which flows past their very doors and which carries infinite supply.

God's children were not made to grovel but to aspire; to look up, not down. They were not made to pinch along in poverty, but for larger, grander things. Nothing is too good for the children of our Heavenly Father; nothing too beautiful for human beings; nothing too magnificent for us to enjoy. It is the narrowness of our thought that has limited us. If we had larger and grander conceptions of life, we should attain grander things. We are made in God's image and we are His children and as His children we are heirs of all that is His, all that is beautiful and useful in the universe. The very holding of the mind open toward all the good things of the world, expecting and appreciating them, will have everything to do with our obtaining them.

There is nothing which the human race lacks so much as unquestioned, implicit confidence in the divine source of all supply. We ought to stand in the same relation to this Infinite Source of things as the child does to its parents. The child does not say, "I do not dare eat this food for fear that I may not get any more." It takes everything with absolute confidence and assurance that all its needs will be supplied, that there is plenty more where these things come from.

We do not have half good enough opinions of our possibilities; do not expect half enough of ourselves; we do not demand half enough. Hence the meagerness, the stinginess, of what we actually get. We do not demand the abundance which belongs to us. Hence the leanness, the lack of fullness, the incompleteness of our lives. We do not demand royally enough. We are content with too little of the things worth while. It was intended that we should live the abundant life, that we should have plenty of everything that is good for us. No one was meant to live in poverty and wretchedness.

The man who is bound to win believes he is going to be prosperous; he starts out with the understanding with himself that he is going to be a successful man, a winner, and not a loser. He does not say to himself all the time, "What's the use? The great business combinations are swallowing up the chances. Before long the multitude will have to work for the few. I do not believe I shall ever do anything more than make just a plain living in a very humble way. I shall never have a home and the things that other people have. I am destined to be poor any a nobody." A man will never make progress with such ideals.

Many people keep themselves poor by the slavish fear of poverty, allowing themselves to dwell upon the possibility of coming to want, of not having enough to live upon. The minds of the children in such families are saturated with the fear of poverty; they hear of it from morning till night. They see poverty-stricken conditions everywhere. They hear everybody talking about limitation, lack. Everything around them suggests poverty.

Is it any wonder that children, brought up in such an atmosphere, should repeat the poverty-stricken conditions of their parents and environment?

Did you ever think that the terror of poverty, the constant worry about making ends meet, the fear of that awful "rainy day," not only make you unhappy, but actually tends to bring about the conditions that disqualify you from making real progress?

Everybody ought to stand erect with face toward the sun of hope and prosperity. Success and happiness are the inalienable rights of every human being. Let your ideals be those of plenty, of abundance. Let us hold the thought that God is our great supply; that if we can keep in tune, in close touch with Him, so that we can feel our at-oneness with Him, the great Source of all supply, abundance, will flow to us and we shall never again know want.

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The verdict "guilty but insane" returned against the British captain who caused three Dublin citizens to be shot without trial seems to detached observers what should have been the verdict on Sir Roger Casement.—Chicago Herald.

In acceding to the demands of the entente allies Greece will be at war with the central allies whether she declares it or not. To give the enemies of Germany control of the mails and telegraphs, including the wireless system; to expel from Greek soil German agents indicated by the entente; these are acts of unneutrality, practically acts of war, against Germany, Austria and Bulgaria. When the Greek government issues its belated declaration of war it will be a declaration after the event.—New York Times.

We hope there is no concealed irony in the fact that President Wilson named for the Mexican arbitration board one John R. Mott, a famous expert on missionary work in heathen lands.—Detroit Journal.

Many millions of foreign capital were invested in this country previous to the war, and the interest and dividend payments took a large sum abroad annually. This situation has been considerably changed by the shifting of securities. The transfer of these stocks and bonds to American ownership places this country in a splendid shape for the future. Having once acquired these securities without disarranging the financial system it should be easy to retain them.—Nashville Banner.

If Mr. Hughes loses this election we don't see how he could ever make up his mind to continue to live under the administration of Mr. Wilson.—Charleston News and Courier.

In announcing his intention to support President Wilson, Thomas A. Edison says: "They say he has blundered. Perhaps he has. But I notice that he usually blunders forward." There can be no more effective answer to the verbiage criticism of the President. Mr. Wilson blunders at times, but he blunders forward, and blundering forward represents the highest achievements of the human race.—New York World.

The plot of the great war deepens and tensions as the diversified elements now involved in the Balkan situation get into active performance. The vast war ring that the entente allies have strung around Germany and Austria is now closing in along four major fronts and at eight sectors of the 3,000-mile circle.—Baltimore American.

Mr. Hughes asserts that Uncle Sam has lost one-half of his prestige. If true, there is no one better qualified to sympathize with him than this same Charles E.—Savannah News.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS
Best Service Column in City.

A question has arisen as to how the increased rank shall be conferred in the case of army officers making application for promotion under the national defense act authorizing the advancement of retired officers under certain specified conditions. A collateral question is whether these retired officers should be commissioned by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The questions were formally placed before the War Department upon the filing by Capt. Lewis D. Greene, U. S. A., retired, of application for promotion to the grade of major.

The provision in the act of June 3 does not create offices, and no exercise of the power to appoint to office is involved. It is pointed out, that the status actually is an increase in the rank, pay, and allowances, and no provision is made therein for participation by the Senate, such as has been required in some instances, as in the provision for the advancement in rank of certain general officers on the retired list (act of March 4, 1915).

It is held sufficient that the retired officers who are to be promoted shall be granted commissions, issued by the President, evidencing their increased rank.

So far only three officers have been found qualified for promotion on the retired list. They are Capt. Quincy O'M. Gilmore, who becomes a major; First Lieut. Franklin R. Kenney, who becomes a captain, and Capt. Louis D. Greene, who becomes a major.

Naval officers were not surprised that Congress failed to appropriate the \$10,000,000 authorized by Senator Phelan's bill for a new naval academy to be situated on the Pacific Coast within 100 miles of San Francisco. The well-known objections to having two institutions of this type impressed Congress with the wisdom of maintaining a naval academy at Annapolis and another one on the west coast with the separate overhead charges of two corps of instructors and the probability of two conflicting systems of training and two standards of fitness.

It is said there will be no difficulty in accommodating all the midshipmen at Annapolis, notwithstanding the increase which is now provided for. The class to be admitted this year, estimated at about 500 in number, will give the corps a total numerical strength of about 1,250. This will be increased to some extent during the years 1917, 1918 and 1919, but there will be a decrease from the maximum in 1920, with the graduation of the midshipmen who enter this year, so that the number of midshipmen thereafter will be in the neighborhood of 1,200. In the three years in which this strength is increased it will be possible to improvise effectively and economically accommodations for the surplus, naval officers declare. This, it is pointed out, disposes of any arguments that the institution at Annapolis will not accommodate all the midshipmen who are authorized.

A letter has been received by the War Department from a resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., complaining that one of the "Polish Falcons" of that city, who had been drilling weekly was arrested and fined \$25 and costs for taking his gun home to clean it. The letter read: "There is a law in this State which prohibits an unlicensed citizen from having any firearms. But can it be enforced to such an extent, especially on one who is willing to fight and die for his country?"

The War Department holds that the general power to maintain civil order is

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